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The amended claim listing submitted on Feb. 29, 2008, indicates that claims 1-18 are withdrawn; however, the text of these claims is not included. Therefore, this is a non-compliant amendment.

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